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1. The falsification of the 1952 election returns in Poland was the special charge of General Roman ROMKOWSKI. ROMKOWSKI, BERMAN, and BIERUT were in close consultation on the subject, receiving their instructions directly from Moscow.

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2. Three months prior to the Polish elections, under the direction of ROMKOWSKI, there was organized a small group of qualified forgers who studied ink eradication processes.

the UB (Security Police) drew up lists, handled papers, inks, etc. "Magister" KONOPKA, a Soviet citizen and professional forger, formerly with the NKVD, was adviser to the Poles on the affair. The training was done on the top floor (6th floor) in the-UB building on Ulica Koszykowa. This special group was given technical training by KONOPKA on:

a. Forgery methods.

b. Papers (paper suitable for eradication processes and forging was given to TABORYSKI and ballots and election report forms were printed on this).

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c. Inks.

3. The group worked in secret.

The training lasted three months. One month before the elections, the group moved to LEWIKOWSKI's office on the second floor of the UB building (he is now ambassador to Moscow) and there materials (papers, apparatus, ultra violet ray lamps, etc.) were stored in safes. Even KONOPKA was not trusted; after her basic forgery instruction was completed, she was removed and the group continued on its own with the UB graphology expert DABROWSKI assisting.

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4. During the elections the group was locked up day and night in LEWIKOWSKI's office where the forgery of the election returns was accomplished. At this time the chief (identity unknown) of the electoral bureau had his own secretariat. His personal representative was (fnu) SZER. His special assistant, a Department X employee, was Helena LUBOWSKA. LUBOWSKA opened the electoral returns from the voivodships and delivered them to UB headquarters for forgery purposes. There the figures on the returns were adjusted (if necessary) under the direction of a statistical expert. The group charged with forgery did not make up the election results. These election return figures were the result of research of PZPR Central Committee members. Party members known to have been involved are (fnu) ALSTER and (fnu) DWORAKOWSKI.
5. Some election returns did not need forging since they were favorable enough for the regime. The work was done on a hurried basis and required about 24 hours to complete. In the process of forgery, many reports were damaged so that they had to be destroyed; new ones were prepared in their place by the committee of forgers. [redacted] if the Communist Party had not forged the returns it would have lost the election.
6. In the 1947 elections the Central Electoral Commission did the falsification on a somewhat more crude basis. The local commissioners, all Party members, already had the figures to be reported and prepared their counts accordingly. Because falsification was so widespread, the information leaked out. The Government was dissatisfied with the old procedure and therefore devised the new system.

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